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## Domestic Violence, Animal Cruelty Charges Filed Against Hawthorne Man

A Hawthorne man was charged today with hitting his girlfriend and killing the victim's 9-year-old Yorkshire terrier with a metal rack, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Frank Dunnick said Brian Scott Burlingame (dob 8/31/58) faces one felony count each of cruelty to an animal and injuring a cohabitant in case YA092591.

Burlingame pleaded not guilty to the charges today and is due back on July 1 in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

The defendant is accused of throwing a metal rack at his girlfriend on June 14 while she was holding her Yorkshire terrier, the prosecutor said. The woman was injured and the dog was killed, the prosecutor added.

Bail for the defendant was set at \$120,000.

If convicted as charged, Burlingame faces a possible maximum sentence of five years and eight months in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, South Los Angeles Station.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.